

# State of Washington Department of Transportation Notice to Consultants

# Federal Grants Planning, Administration and Management Services

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) solicits Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from consultants interested in providing Federal Grants Planning, Administration and Management Services on an On-Call basis for Washington State Ferries (WSF.) The approximate dollar value of the consultant agreement will be \$420,000.00 dollars. WSDOT will award one (1) On-Call Agreement, which will be three (3) years in duration.

### **Project Description**

WSDOT is seeking a consulting firm that can assist WSF's Program Development/Program Management Office in achieving significant objectives in delivering its capital program projects with assurances that WSF's application of federal funds are in compliance with federal requirements for grants administration. The scope of desired services will include but not be limited to:

- Participating in the WSF internal planning effort of strategizing the federal grants program
  as well as working with WSDOT and our Congressional Delegation to coordinate and deliver
  the regional transportation program;
- Participating in local, regional, state, and federal funding strategy coordination and negotiations;
- Providing administrative and logistics support for WSF's existing federal grants processes, providing planning and project management support for all active grants that WSF currently has in hand; and
- Seeking new funding sources and opportunities to obtain federal funds for WSF's Capital Construction Program.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Pursuant to state and federal regulations, a qualifications-based selection process will be used to select a consultant for each of these projects. The following information and criteria will be used to evaluate and rank responses:

- 1. Qualifications/Expertise of Firms on Team;
- 2. Qualifications of Proposed Project Manager;
- 3. Key Team Members Qualifications (Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants);
- 4. Firm's Project Management System (Prime Consultant Only);
- 5. Project Delivery Approach;
- 6. References/Past Performances (Prime Consultant Only);
- 7. Cost Factors (Prime Consultant Only.)



The link to the definitions and point value for each of the proposed criteria may be found on the first page of this advertisement web site.

NOTE: It is imperative that the consultant reviews the definitions of the scoring criteria. We have included requirements and/or limitations for the information that is being requested. All scoring criteria will be rated on a scale of O (Low) to 2O (High.)

#### **Submittals**

Consultants are invited to submit their Statement of Qualifications at their own cost. WSDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The submittal is limited to a total maximum number of twenty-five (25) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (if charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be a readable size font), and with type size no smaller than 12 point.

Your Statement of Qualifications must be broken into two (2) separate packets. Your Statement of Qualifications "Packet A" must consist of:

• Your responses to scoring Criteria 1 through 5, only.

Your Statement of Qualifications "Packet B" must consist of:

- Your letter of transmittal;
- Your response to scoring criteria 6 and 7; and
- Your Submittal Information forms for the prime consultant and all proposed subconsultants.

The page limitation does not apply to the front and back covers of "Packet A" and all of "Packet B."

The Statement of Qualifications shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- Title of the Request for Qualifications and your firm clearly identified on the cover of the submittal Packets "A" and "B", and the letter of transmittal;
- Statement of Qualifications broken into "Packet A" and "Packet B" as indicated above:
- Responsive to all evaluation criteria;
- Meeting page limitations and font size requirements; and
- Meeting submittal deadline submission date.

Materials submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of WSDOT and will not be returned. All submittals received will remain confidential until WSDOT and the successful Consultants sign the agreements resulting from this advertisement. All submittals are deemed public records as defined in the RCW 42.17.250 to 42.250.340.



Faxed or e-mailed submittals will not be accepted. Four (4) copies of your "Packet A" and one (1) copy of "Packet B", whether mailed or hand-delivered, must arrive at the following address no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2004:

Mr. Michael B. Rice Director, Consultant Services Washington State Department of Transportation Capital View II Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 724 Quince Street SE Olympia, WA 98504-7323

Any questions regarding the submittal process should be directed to the Consultant Services Office at 360-705-7104.

The department has an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. The DBE goal for participation will be obtained through a combination race-neutral/race-conscience means as outlined in WSDOT's "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan." The department encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

Persons with disabilities may request this information be prepared and supplied in alternate formats by calling collect 206-389-2839. Persons with hearing impairments may call 1-800-833-6388 (Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service) and ask for 206-515-3683.

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Submittal Due Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2004.